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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, applicants and their attorneys respectfully request that the following patents, copies of which are attached hereto, be made of record in the official United States Patent and Trademark Office file relating to the above-identified application.

U.S. Patent Nos.

6,152,902
6,149,627
4,816,695
4,594,533
4,399,711
4,344,429
4,312,341

Applicants' attorney would like to take this opportunity to inform the Examiner that the above-listed patents were cited in Office Actions mailed September 28, 2001, May 14, 2001 and December 6, 2000, in connection with copending U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/495,263, which is assigned to the same company (i.e., Ethicon, Inc.) as the present application. In addition, applicant's attorney notes that one of the patents listed above (i.e., U.S. Patent No. 6,152,902) is owned by the assignee of the present application. In the foregoing circumstances, the citation of these patents should not be construed as an admission that they constitute statutory prior art with respect to the present invention.

In order to facilitate the Examiner's citation of the patents listed above, applicants' attorney has completed United States Patent and Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. The completed Form is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before receipt of a first Office Action, no additional fees are believed to be due in connection herewith. If any such fees are due, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 19-1218.

Respectfully submitted,

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